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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION ISSUE: PUBLIC OPINION POLL SHOWS REDUCED
SUPPORT FOR IDF RETENTION

1. AFTERNOON DAILY VISIR, WHICH SUPPORTS PRO-IDF INDEPENDENCE PARTY, PUBLISHED RESULTS OF ANNUAL POLL OCT 29. QUESTION ASKED WAS, "DO YOU SUPPORT OR ARE YOU OPPOSED TO THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE (IDF) LEAVING THE COUNTRY DURING THE PRESENT ELECTORAL TERM?" QUESTION WAS ASKED OF 220 PERSONS (APPROXIMATELY ONE PERSON OUT OF EACH THOUSAND OF TOTAL POPULATION). RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

APPROVE IDF DEPARTURE	84 OR 38 PERCENT
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AGAINST IDF DEPARTURE	108 OR 49 PERCENT
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UNDECIDED	28 OR 13 PERCENT
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2. WITHOUT GIVING SUPPORTING FIGURES, VISIR SAID ITS POLL

SHOWED ICELANDIC MEN MORE FAVORABLE TO IDF RETENTION THAN WOMEN
AND MEN OF REYKJAVIK AREA MORE FAVORABLY DISPOSED THAN ICELANDIC
MEN IN GENERAL

3. COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS FIVE-YEAR FIGURES AS FOLLOWS:

	1969	1970	1971	1974	1973
APPROVE		33	40	26	28 38
AGAINST		57	33	53	60 49
UNDECIDED		10	27	21	12 13

ABOVE FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES

ALTHOUGH WORDING OF QUESTION IN PREVIOUS YEARS VARIED SLIGHTLY.
PURPORT WAS BASICALLY SAME.

4. VISIR POLL IS BASED ON SMALL SAMPLE AND ITS METHODS ARE
UNKNOWN. HOWEVER, IT IS RESPECTED LOCALLY AND ITS FINDINGS
CARRY POLITICAL WEIGHT. IT IS THUS SIGNIFICANT THAT FINDINGS
SHOW SHARP DECLINE IN SUPPORT FOR IDF RETENTION OVER PAST YEAR.
ALTHOUGH THERE IS NOT CLEAR EXPLANATION FOR THIS DECLINE,
PAPER HINTS DECLINE ATTRIBUTABLE TO USE OF BRITISH FRIGATES IN
UK-ICELANDIC FISHERIES DISPUTE. POLL WAS TAKEN PRIOR TO THE
FRIGATE PULL-OUT. IRVING

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